MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Cherokee Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Bethel Church, Alto, Cherokee county, Texas,

Commencing October 10th, 1874.

OFFICERS:

Tully Choice	Moderator.
J. B. Henderson	Clerk.
C. B. Bacon	Treasurer.

Note.—The next session of this body will be held with Pisgah Church, near Kickapoo, Anderson county, fifteen miles north of Palestine, eleven miles west of Nechesville Station, on I. & G. N. R. R., commencing on Saturday before the second Sabbath in October, 1875.

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ALTO, CHEROKEE COUNTY, TEXAS,
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The delegates composing the twenty-third annual session of the Cherokee Baptist Association met this day at 11 o'clock A. M., with Bethel church, at this place.

In the absence of Elder J. H. L. Wesley, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder John S. Bledsoe. Text: 1st Cor., 13th chap., last verse.

After recess, the delegates re-assembled in the house at 2 o'clock, and were called to order by the Moderator, Elder J. S. Bledsoe.

J. B. Henderson was appointed temporary clerk, assisted by W. H. Hendrix, (Geo. Yarbrough, the former clerk, being absent.) Prayer by Elder H. E. Calahan.

Letters were called for and read by Tully Choice and H. E. Calahan.

Names of churches and delegates enrolled as follows:

(Churches, not represented, marked (*). Absent delegates (†).

*Bethel**—Starrville, Smith county.

*Hebron**—Tyler, Smith county.

Jamestown—C. B. Bacon and Geo. W. Gilliam.

Dean's—B. F. Miller and W. B. Brewer.

Tyler—J. H. Stribling,† H. E. Calahan and W. H. Hendrix.

County Line—J. T. White and J. M. Smith.

Garden Valley—David Peebles† and E. C. Cox.

Centre Point—L. Worton and J. York.†

Hopewell—C. W. Wood† and J. H. Boyett.

Pleasant Hill—J. B. Henderson and W. W. Funderburgh.

Dover—R. Malone Stell and L. Sparkman.

Carmel—Jno. S. Bledsoe and J. Bailiff.†

Mount Sylvan—Tully Choice and J. H. Wilbanks.

*Antioch**—Mount Carmel, Smith county.

Mount Lebanon—Jas. S. Ward and J. K. Davis †

*Ebenezer**—Troupe, Smith county.

Seven Leagues—E. M. Carter and John Brinley.†

*Mount Zion**—Tyler, Smith county.

*New Harmony**—Tyler, Smith county.

Pleasant Grove—(Smith county)—W. G. Caperton and W. A. Whipple.

Independence—(formerly Hickory Grove)—H. D. Broom and D. B. Bridges.

*New Hope**—Etna, Smith county.

*Harris Creek**—Tyler, Smith county.

*Salem**—Larissa, Cherokee county.

Union—J. L. Page† and F. M. Currie.

Friendship—(Cherokee county)—E. T. Ball and Willis Pugh.

Palestine—Isaac Martin and S. T. Harrison.

Lone Dove—W. W. Lewis and Jno. R. Wilson.

Knoxville—John Smith and J. J. Chandler.†

Bethel—(Cherokee county)—J. D. Williams and W. W. Durham.

Myrtle Spring—Y. D. Harrington† and A. E. Payne.

Macedonia—W. J. Collins and M. S. Stamp.

Pisgah—S. R. Gore and Clark Richardson.

Concord—J. C. Fitzgerald and C. D. Kelley.

Pleasant Grove—(Anderson county)—Matthew Bell and Samuel Heidleburgh.†

Zion—W. J. Browning† and K. A. McCarty.

New Hope—(Cherokee county)—Josiah Tilley and E. B. Simpson.

Providence—S. F. Tindle and S. W. Broyles.

Mountain Cove—Jesse M. Carter and J. E. Bagley.

Pleasant Grove—(Cherokee county)—T. J. Watson and R B. Treadwell.†

*Saline Creek**—Tyler, Smith county.

*Friendship**—Randal, Smith county.

Thirty-one churches represented, and eleven not represented; fifty delegates present, and thirteen absent.

Proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing associational year; Revs. Caperton and Boon acting as tellers, who, upon collecting the first ballot, declared J. B. Henderson elected Clerk, and C. B. Bacon Treasurer. No one having received the requisite number for Moderator, the second ballot was ordered, which resulted similarly. The third ballot resulted in the selection of Tully Choice, as Moderator, who, after a few appropriate remarks, thanking the body for the confidence reposed in him, proclaimed the Association ready for business.

Appointed a Committee on Divine Service as follows: J. T. White, B. F. Miller, together with the Pastor and Deacons of Bethel church.

Called for petitionary letters:

Cook's Fort church, Rusk, Cherokee county, applied for admission as a member of this body, through her delegates, R. W. H. McMinn and T. W. Norton, bearing abstract of Faith and Church Covenant, which being considered orthodox, the petition was granted, and the Moderator extended to the delegates the right hand of recognition.

Visiting ministering brethren were invited to seats with us, to participate in discussions and aid us with their counsel. Brothers Burleson and Johnson appeared and took seats with us.

Elder W. G. Caperton made a few feeling remarks, reciting the goodness of God, in so wonderfully blessing the churches composing this body, during the last few months, with the outpouring of his spirit. It was, therefore,

Resolved, That one-half hour during each day of our session be devoted to special prayer and thanksgiving to God, for this renewed manifestation of his goodness to his creatures.

Committee on Divine Service reported, after which the Association adjourned until Monday, 9 o'clock A. M. Prayer by Elder W. A. Whipple.

Preaching at 7½ o'clock P. M., by Elder S. R. Gore. Text: Luke 10th, 42.

By authority of the body, the Moderator in chambers appointed standing committees as follows:

Finance—B. F. Miller, J. H. Wilbanks, J. T. White and John R. Wilson.

Home Missions—H. E. Calahan, Geo. W. Gilliam, Isaac Martin, Jesse M. Carter and W. J. Collins.

Sabbath-schools—R. Malone Stell, J. D. Williams, J. L. Page, E. T. Ball, A. E. Payne and T. W. Norton.

Education—W. H. Hendrix, W. W. Funderburgh, J. S. Ward, E. B. Simpson, D. B. Bridges and W. W. Durham.

Religious and Moral Destitution—W. A. Whipple, E. C. Cox, E. M. Carter, R. W. H. McMinn and W. W. Lewis.

Ministerial Support and Consecration—S. T. Harrison, J. M. Smith, L. Sparkman and M. S. Stamp.

Obituaries—S. R. Gore, W. G. Caperton and John S. Bledsoe.

Nominations—C. B. Bacon, L. Horton and C. D. Kelley.

SUNDAY, October 11, 1874.

At 9 o'clock A. M., a short sermon was preached by Elder W. J. Collins, to the children. Text: Psalms, li: 10 v., followed by short addresses by J. B. Henderson and R. Malone Stell.

The stand was filled at 11 o'clock A. M., by Dr. Burleson, of Waco University. Text: 12 chap. 1 Chron., 32 v.

At 2½ o'clock P. M., Elder R. Malone Stell. Text: 8 chap. Romans, 3d and 4th verses.

At night, by Elder W. A. Whipple; Romans 5 : 10.

The congregations were large; the attention was good beyond precedent; strict order and deep solemnity pervaded the entire audience, even to the extreme outskirts; so there are strong grounds to believe that much spiritual good will result from the able discourses of the Sabbath.

A collection for missions was taken up after 11 o'clock service, amounting to $20 95.

MONDAY, October 12.

Met as per adjournment. Prayer meeting conducted by Elder E. M. Carter for half hour.

Roll called. Delegates present same as Saturday.

Minutes read and approved.

Rules of Decorum read by the clerk.

Called for correspondence from sister Associations.

Mount Zion presented a letter through Bro. R. H. Bagley, as messenger, to whom the right hand of welcome was extended by the Moderator.

Called for reports of committees, when Elder R. Malone Stell, chairman ot the Committee on Sabbath-schools, submitted the following, which, on motion, was adopted.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL REPORT.

The Committee on Sabbath-schools take leave to report:

That it is apparent, from the letters of the churches, that Sunday-schools are not appreciated and maintained as they really deserve to be in the bounds of this Association. Yet we, as your committee, are persuaded to believe that it is only apparent, that is to say, in other words, that Sunday-schools are appreciated, and that the great reason of the seeming neglect of them is a lack of system and well regulated order to keep them in progress when once begun in the churches. We observe the

fact, that in every place where the superintendent and teachers are prompt and faithful in attendance, such schools prosper, and continue winter and summer, either in town or country places; but where the teachers straggle and are often away, the school languishes and frequently perishes out.

We deem it proper to say that the Sabbath-school enterprise is worthy of our greatest zeal, and therefore we recommend that each district of the Association form a Sunday-school con-sociation, and meet as often as once in three months, in their own bounds, in order to encourage both teachers and pupils to be constant in the work.

It has been estimated that, in the bounds of this Association, there are five thousand or more children, whose intellectual and moral culture depends, in a measure, upon the Cherokee Association. It is, therefore, high time that greater zeal and activity, by some means, should be put forth by the churches.

R. MALONE STELL, Chairman.

Report on Obituaries read by the chairman, S. R. Gore, and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

The Committee on Obituaries submit: That we should feel profoundly grateful to the Great Giver of all Gifts, that he has not permitted one of his ministers within our bounds to fall a victim to the grim monster, Death, during the past year. We feel that, as a body, we are greatly strengthened and encouraged, as there have been but few deaths, comparatively speaking, in our ranks, while the spiritual births have been unusually large. Let us thank God and labor on.

Respectfully submitted.

S. R. GORE, Chairman.

The report of Committee on Religious Destitution was read by Bro. W. A. Whipple, as follows:

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS AND MORAL DESTITUTION.

Your committee on the subject above named, respectfully report, that after diligent enquiry, we find the destitution of last year still remaining, with the exception of two neighborhoods, where new churches have been constituted, which resulted in part from the labor of your missionary in the field during the past year. Realizing the great good done by your missionary during the past year, your committee would earnestly recommend a continuation of one in the field.

W. A. WHIPPLE, Chairman.

The consideration of this report was temporarily suspended to hear the report of our missionary, Geo. W. Gilliam.

Elder Geo. W. Gilliam submitted the following missionary report:

DEAR BRETHREN:—After my appointment to the missionary work in October last, I left for home with a cheerful heart, and my soul leaped for joy with the hope of giving myself wholly to the work of the ministry. But, alas! no sooner had the month of November began to glide away than the light of my dear home was blown out. Death had torn from my bosom my beloved companion and sweet little babe. Under these sad misfortunes, while the hand of Providence was resting heavily upon me, and after having passed through the crucible, and fully resigning all into the hands of God, bowing submission to His will, I entered into active service during the cold month of December; since which time, I have used every possible exertion to defend that cause I so dearly love; and my constant cry has been: "Nearer to thee, my God! nearer to thee!" Never during past life have I felt to be so completely in the hands of God as during the past year. And I rejoice that my feeble efforts have been blessed, and that the worthy name of Jesus has been acknowledged and glorified by many of those among whom I have labored. Oft have I been made to wonder at the mighty workings of the Lord.

I was directed by members of the Executive Board to visit Cherokee and Anderson counties, and hunt up the destitution. My labors have been chiefly within these two counties.

My primary effort was to find out where the gospel was most needed, and where I thought there was a probability of doing the most good, and to these poor and destitute neighborhoods to devote the most of my time.

When I entered upon the *work*, the field seemed quite barren, and it opened before me so extensively, I was made to cry out more earnestly for divine aid. Places that I then found like the wilderness, are now "blossoming as the rose."

In last June, I found a little band of thirteen believers in the wild woods of Anderson county, who had been wandering as sheep without a shepherd for the last two or three years. By the assistance of Bro. G. H. Stoval, I succeeding in herding the little flock. The good Lord forthwith began his work among them, and I have been astonished, yet made to rejoice, in witnessing the power and goodness of God among that people. When I last left them they numbered fifty-three, and were under the faithful care of Bro. G. H. Stoval.

By the assistance of the same good brother, I organized a church in an adjoining neighborhood. We launched there with about nine members. During last month, we held a meeting of days with them. The good

Lord was pleased to wonderfully revive his work in their midst, and has swelled their ranks to about twenty or more.

During the month of May last, I organized a church of thirteen members at Cook's Fort. I was assisted by Elders Jesse M. Carter and J. D. Williams. The church has been under my watch-care since. I and Bro. Isaac Martin labored with the church for a series of days in August. The Lord owned his word and revived the church, and converted many of their sons and daughters. We have members here with the harness on, earnestly working for their master. They now number thirty-nine.

My labors for the last few months have been at Bellview, with Bro. Wadsworth; at Mountain Cove, with Bro. Carter; at Jamestown and Centre Point, with Bro. Allen Gilliam; at Mt. Sylvan, with Bro. Choice. At these points, the Lord has done a wonderful work. Upon my own unworthy head, I bring none of the honor, but to God I ascribe all the praise, the glory and the honor.

Since entering upon the work, I have spent 270 days in active service; traveled 2900 miles; preached 145 sermons; delivered sixteen exhortations; organized two churches; assisted in the ordination of four deacons; baptized twenty-three persons; witnessed seventy-one baptisms.

I have, from time to time, received in cash, as follows:

Brother J. E. Williams,	$ 1 00
" —— McNeil,	1 00
" S. R. Gore,	2 00
" C. B. Bacon, Treasurer,	60 00
" —— Hassel,	2 00
" —— Murdock,	2 50
" —— Hollyman's church,	5 55
Concord church,	10 40
Pisgah church,	7 50
Ebenezer church,	2 35
Dover church,	6 25
Jamestown church,	6 00
Zion church,	6 00
Pleasant Grove church, Anderson county,	75
Providence church,	5 30
Cook's Fort church,	27 00
Pleasant Grove church, Smith county,	10 00
Sister —— Wofford,	1 00
C. B. Bacon, as Treasurer,	137 24
	$293 84

This report, in connection with the one on religious and moral destitution, was discussed at great length by Elders

Whipple, Gore, Bledsoe, Collins, Johnson and Caperton, after which each report was adopted as read.

Regular order of business suspended to receive a petitionary letter from Rocky Springs church, (formerly a member of this body), borne by messengers Peter Acker and W. T. Gresham. Received back upon the same abstract of Faith and Covenant as when dismissed from us, and the delegates seated with us, by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Treasurer's report presented, read, received and referred to Finance Committee.

Called for the report on home missions, when Elder H. E. Calahan, the chairman, reported as follows, which was adopted:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee are of opinion, that we have ministers enough to supply all our churches with the *word of life*, and occupy the entire destitution within our bounds; who would, if sustained, gladly perform the great and glorious work. But we greatly deplore the woful indifference manifest on the part of our churches and people, to supply themselves with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our ministers cannot devote their entire time and means to supply the churches and meet the wants of the destitution, unless sustained by those for whose benefit they labor.

We earnestly suggest that your body adopt *some* plan, by which our churches can be better supplied, and the pressing necessities of the great destitution met within our bounds.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. CALAHAN, Chairman.

Adjourned for one hour for dinner. Prayer by Elder A. A. Keith.

Met as per adjournment, at 1 o'clock P. M. Prayer by Eld. Jesse M. Carter. Proceeded to business.

The following resolution was introduced by Brother S. R. Gore, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the territory belonging to this Association, and west of the Neches River, constitute the fifth district of the Cherokee Association.

Brother Gore also submitted the following:

Resolved, That the next annual session of this body be held with Pisgah church, Anderson county, 15 miles north of Palestine.

Referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Elder W. H. Hendrix, the chairman, read the report on education, which elicited lengthy, yet practical remarks by Dr. Burleson, Elders Stell and Caperton. Adopted as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee, to whom was assigned the subject of education, would report:

That, in our judgment, no subject is so important to our interest as a church, or the world at large, as a correct and thorough education. And while we think this applies in a general sense, we deem it of paramount importance in the ministry, since it is to them we look, in a great measure not only as spiritual guides for ourselves and our children, but for a defense against all the insidious attacks made upon us as a church by our enemies, and to expose and combat all the false religions and *isms* with which the world is flooded and cursed at this time.

How very important then, that he be armed with a power which nothing short of a thorough education can give him.

But we are aware of the fact that no mere system of reports can ever accomplish the desired end. We have heretofore had many well-written reports on this subject, some of them voluminous; but, so far as our knowledge extends, very little effort has been made to carry out the practical suggestions made.

What we would recommend, therefore, is *action*, *prompt*, *energetic*, *consistent* action! If we are Baptists, and have any faith in the correctness of our principles, let us teach those principles to our children.

We have the schools, if we would only patronize them. For young men in the ministry, we have all that is needful in "Waco University." For young ladies, there is our own "Charnwood," owned and manipulated by one of the best and purest men belonging to the great Baptist family of Texas, to-wit: our esteemed brother J. T. Hand.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Hendrix, Chairman.

The following was presented by S. T. Harrison, as chairman, and after full discussion, in which Brethren Bledsoe,

Martin, White, Calahan, J. M. Carter, Johnson, Caperton, and others participated, was adopted as:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT AND CONSECRATION.

Your Committee on this important subject respectfully submits: That we believe it to be the duty of those who are called of God to preach the Gospel of Christ, to give themselves wholly to the work. We as confidently believe that, to enable them to do this, it is necessary, and the duty of the churches, to minister to their temporal necessities. We learn from the Word of God, that "they that preach the Gospel, shall live of the Gospel," and that "those who minister to us in spiritual things, should reap of our temporal things." And furthermore, that it is the duty of each christian to give of his substance to the support of the gospel, as the Lord has prospered him. We are satisfied that, if ministers would be more faithful in their pastoral duties, in indoctrinating their churches; in instructing their flock in regard to their duties to God and to each other, that there would be less cause of complaint in regard to their temporal wants.

God is able to take care of those who put their trust in him, and perservere in the discharge of duty. David says: "I once was young, but now am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread."

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. Harrison, Chairman.

Adjourned until 8½ o'clock, Tuesday morning. Prayer by R. Malone Stell.

Preaching at 7½ o'clock P. M., by Elder W. H. Hendrix. Text: 1st Kings, 19: 9.

Tuesday, October 13th.

The body met at 8½ o'clock A. M. After engaging in singing and prayer, conducted by Elder A. A. Keith, for one-half hour, proceeded to business.

The following, presented by J. B. Henderson, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committees on the following subjects be appointed at this session, to report at the next, to-wit: Home Missions, Sunday-schools, Education, Destitution, Ministerial Support and Consecration, and Temperance.

Report of Finance Committee was read by the chairman, B. F. Miller, and adopted, as follows:

The Treasurer's account examined for the past year, and found correct, as follows:

C. B. BACON, TREASURER,
In account with CHEROKEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1873.		DR.	SPECIE.	CUR.
Oct.	15.	To cash received of Finance Committee,		
		at County Line church, for missions,	$48 95	$ 8 60
		For minutes, - - - -	60 10	19 80
1874.				
May	23.	Cash from Dover church, - -	6 25	....
"	"	Cash from Jamestown church, -	6 00	....
		Total, - - - -	$121 30	$28 40

1874.		CR.	
Feb.	25.	Paid G. W. Gilliam, missionary, - -	$72 25
March	17.	Paid J. B. Link, for minutes, - - -	86 40
"	"	Paid George Yarbrough, for services as clerk, -	20 00
"	"	Paid Geo. Yarbrough, balance due on account of 1872,	2 34
		Total, - - - -	$180 99

Leaving a balance due C. B. Bacon, as Treasurer of S. S. Union, $31 29

We have received from County Line church, for missions, $5 50 specie, $5 25 cur.; for minutes, $1 95 specie, 20 cents cur. From Centre Point church, for minutes, $1 50 specie. From Pleasant Hill church, for missions, $5 50 cur.; for minutes, $2 00 specie. From Dean's church, for minutes $2 00 cur. From Mount Lebanon church, for minutes, $2 00 specie. From Hopewell church, for missions, 50 cents specie, $4 00 cur.; for minutes, $2 00 cur. From Carmel church, (by S. S.), for missions, $5 00 specie; for minutes, $2 00 specie. From Hebron church, for minutes, $1 50 specie. From Pleasant Grove church, Smith county, for missions, $10 00 currency; for minutes, $2 50 specie. From Dover church, for missions, $5 50 specie, 5 cents cur; for minutes, 10 cents specie. From Garden Valley church, for misions, $5 00 specie; for minutes, 20 cts. specie. From Harris Creek church, for minutes, $1 00 specie, $1 00 cur. From Tyler church, for minutes, $1 75 specie, $1 65 cur. From New Harmony church, for missions, 75 cents specie, $1 15 cur.: for minutes, 10 cents cur. From Seven League church, for missions, $1 00 specie; for minutes, $1 00 specie. From Ebenezer church, for missions, $7 20 specie, 10 cents cur.; for minutes, $1 00 specie, $1 50

cur. From Mount Zion church, for missions, $3 10 specie, 15 cents cur.; for minutes, $2 00 cur. From Jamestown church, for minutes, $2 75 cur. From New Hope church, Cherokee county, for missions, $6 00 specie; for minutes, $2 50 specie. From Rocky Spring church, for missions, $3 50 specie; for minutes, $2 00 specie. From Pleasant Grove church, Cherokee county, for missions, $1 00 specie; for minutes, $1 00 specie. From Knoxville church, for missions, $3 00 specie; for minutes, $2 00 specie. From Zion church, for missions. $5 35 cur.; for minutes, $1 50 specie. From Pisgah church, for missions, $10 00 cur.; for minutes, $3 00 specie. From Macedonia church, for minutes, $2 00 specie. From Concord church, for minutes, $2 00 specie, $1 00 cur. From Pleasant Grove church, Anderson county, for minutes, $1 50 specie, 50 cents cur. From Myrtle Spring church, for minutes, $2 35 specie, 40 cents cur. From Mount Sylvan church, for missions, $4 75 specie, $5 25 cur.; for minutes, $1 50 specie. From Providence church, for minutes, $2 00 specie. From Saline church, for minutes, $2 00 cur. From Antioch church, for minutes, $3 00 cur. From Mountain Cove church, for minutes, $2 00 specie. From Cook's Fort church, for minutes, $1 50 specie. From Independence church, for minutes, $2 00 specie, 50 cents cur. From Palestine church, for minutes, $2 00 specie. From Friendship church, Cherokee county, for missions, $2 75 specie, 25 cents cur.; for minutes, $1 50 specie. From Bethel church, for minutes, $1 70 specie, 5 cents cur. From Lone Dove church, for missions, $1 00 specie; for minutes, $1 00 specie. From Salem church, for missions, $3 00 specie; for minutes, $2 00 specie. From Union church, for minutes, 95 cents specie, 55 cents cur. Collection on Sabbath, for missions, $19 80 specie, $1 15 cur. Collection on Monday, for missions, $5 50 specie, $1 05 cur. Totals, for missions, $83 85 specie, $49 25 currency; for minutes, $56 25 specie, $21 20 currency.

All of which we have paid over to C. B. Bacon, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted.

B. F. Miller, Chairman.

On motion of Brother C. B. Bacon, Elder Geo. W. Gilliam was appointed Missionary in the bounds of this Association, at a salary of $360 00 currency per annum; and that twenty-two days labor be counted as a month.

Elder W. G. Caperton moved that we proceed at once to make up the deficit yet due our missionary for past services, amounting to $66 16, when it was ascertained that brother Yarbrough, with a spirit of great liberality, would pay $37 80, and Brother Bacon vouched that Jamestown church would pay the remainder $28 35.

Brother Bacon, chairman of Committee on Nominations, reported, which was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

That the next annual session of this body be held with Pisgah church, Anderson county. Elder Isaac Martin to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder Tully Choice, Alternate.

That your Executive Board be located at Pleasant Grove church, near Troupe Station.

That the following brethren be appointed, and shall constitute said Board, for the ensuing associational year, viz:

Brother Geo. Yarbrough, Tyler Church, chairman.
" John Rucker, Pleasant Grove church.
" Thomas Solomon, Knoxville "
" J. B. Henderson, Pleasant Hill "
" Geo. Arnold, Ebenezer "
" J. S. Florence, Jamestown "
" J. H. Wilbanks, Mount Sylvan "
Elder W. G. Caperton, Pleasant Grove "
" J. H. Stribling, Tyler "
" R. Malone Stell, Dover "
" H. E. Calahan, Tyler "
Brother C. B. Bacon, Jamestown "

That the stated times of meeting be on Saturday, before each fifth Sunday.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. Bacon, Chairman.

The adoption of the report on Sabbath-schools was reconsidered, when an animated, interesting, and we trust, profitable discussion, on the all-important topic, of the religious and moral training of our youth among us, was had, participated in with much fervor and earnestness by Brother Bacon, Elders Martin, Caperton, Stell, Jesse M. Carter and others, after which the report was re-adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Executive Board be authorized to pay pastors or other ministers two dollars currency *per diem* for all mission labor performed under the direction of the Board.

Messengers to the following bodies in correspondence with us, were appointed as follows:

Mount Zion Association—E. M. Carter and C. B. Bacon.

Harmony Association. ———

Saline Association—B. F. Miller, H. E. Calahan, W. H. Hendrix and J. B. Henderson.

Rehoboth Association. ———

Richland Association—W. J. Collins, R. M. Stell, M. S. Stamp and E. M. Carter.

Neches River—Jesse M. Carter, Isaac Martin, Geo. W. Gilliam and S. T. Harrison.

Delegates to General Association—Tully Choice, R. M. Stell, Isaac Martin, H. E. Calahan, W. J. Collins, Geo. W. Gilliam, B. F. Miller and J. B. Henderson.

On motion of Elder W. G. Caperton, the clerk was instructed to prepare, and have published, as many copies of the minutes as possible, for the amount of money sent up by the churches for that purpose, after deducting ten dollars for his services; and that the minutes be distributed *pro rata* among the churches according to amount sent up for minutes.

Pleasant Grove church, Cherokee county, applied for a letter of dismission from this body, which was granted, and the clerk ordered to prepare the same.

The following resolution, offered by Elder W. G. Caperton, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be, and are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of Alto and vicinity, for their kind hospitality extended to us, during our stay among them.

The clerk was instructed to have the constitution, rules of decorum and abstract of principles printed with the minutes.

The following committees are announced to report to this body at its next annual session.

Home Missions—John S. Bledsoe, chairman; Isaac Martin and Geo. W. Gilliam.

Sunday-schools—C. B. Bacon, chairman; W. H. Hendrix and E. M. Carter.

Education—E. C. Wells, chairman; B. F. Miller and H. E. Calahan.

Temperance—W. G. Caperton, chairman; R. M. Stell, Jesse M. Carter and S. T. Harrison.

Religious and Moral Destitution—W. J. Collins, chairman; S. R. Gore and J. D. Williams.

Ministerial Support and Consecration—J. H. Wilbanks, chairman; J. T. White and E. C. Cox.

Adjourned, after taking the parting hand, and prayer by Elder E. M. Carter, to meet with Pisgah church, Anderson county, (15 miles north of Palestine, 11 miles west of Nechesville station, on the International railroad), on Saturday before the second Sabbath, in October A. D., 1875, at 11 o'clock A. M.

TULLY CHOICE, Moderator.

J. B. HENDERSON, Clerk.

Ordained ministers and their address, within the bounds of the Cherokee Baptist Association:

John S. Bledsoe, Garden Valley, Smith county; R. Malone Stell, Mount Sylvan, Smith co.; E. M. Carter, Deanville, Smith co.; W. G. Caperton, Troupe Station, Smith co.; Allen Gilliam, Jamestown, Smith county; Geo. W. Gilliam, Jamestown, Smith co.; H. E. Calahan, Tyler, Smith co.; J. H. L. Wesley, Tyler, Smith county; W. W. Ray, Tyler, Smith co.; W. H. Dean, Tyler, Smith county; W. H. Hendrix, Tyler, Smith co.; James H. Stribling, Tyler, Smith county; J. H. M. Barton, Tyler, Smith county; John H. Rowland, Overton, Rusk county; J. A. Kimball, Larissa, Cherokee county; Tully Choice, Kilgore, Gregg county; A. A. Keith, Troupe, Smith county; W. A. Whipple, Zavala, Smith county; M. M. Wadsworth, Zavala, Smith county; David Peebles, Garden Valley, Smith county; G. W. Birdwell, Starrville, Smith county; S. R. Gore, Fosterville, Anderson county; U. W. Lunsford, Palestine, Anderson county; W. J. Collins, Tennessee Colony, Anderson county; Isaac Martin, Alto, Cherokee county; J. D. Williams, Alto, Cherokee county; Jesse M. Carter, Rusk, Cherokee county; W. W. Lewis, Rusk, Cherokee county; P. Hollyman, Rusk, Cherokee county; R. R. Morrow, Palestine, Anderson county.

LICENTIATES.

W. J. Barron, Tyler, Smith county; B. F. Miller, Tyler, Smith county; M. S. Stamp, Tennessee Colony, Anderson county.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF CHEROKEE ASSOCIATION.

ADOPTED, OCTOBER, 1855.

I. We believe in one only true and living God; and that there is a trinity of persons in the God-head, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

II. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

III. We believe in the fall of Adam, and the imputation of his sin to his posterity; in the corruption of human nature, and the impotency of man to recover himself of his own free will—ability.

IV. We believe in the everlasting love of God to his people, in the doctrine of election, and that there was a covenant of redemption between the Father and the Son prior to the world, in which the chosen of Christ will be effectually called, regenerated, sanctified, and so supported by the Spirit that they shall persevere in grace and not one of them be finally lost.

V. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the righteousness of Christ imputed to them.

VI. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and that they justify us only in the sight of men and angels, and are evidences of our gracious state.

VII. We believe that there will be a resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment; and the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

And as for Gospel order,—

1st. We believe that the visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons who have gained Christian fellowship with each other, and given themselves up to the Lord, and to one another, and have agreed to keep up a godly discipline, agreeably to the rules of the gospel.

2d. We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of his Church and only law-giver, and that the government is with the body, and is the privilege of each individual; and that the discipline is intended for the reclaiming of those who may be disorderly either in faith or practice, and must be faithfully kept up for God's glory, and the peace and unity of the churches.

3d. We believe that water baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Lord, and must be continued till his second coming.

4th. We believe that true believers in Christ Jesus are the only subjects of baptism, and that dipping is the mode.

5th. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to communion at the Lord's table.

6th. We believe that it is the duty of every heaven-born soul to become a member of the visible church, to make a public profession of his faith, to be legally baptized, so as to have a right to and partake of the Lord's Supper at every legal opportunity through the whole course of his life.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF DECORUM

1. Those members who are regularly chosen by the churches in our union shall compose the Association.

2. The members so chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, with their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated, and dead, since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the CHEROKEE ASSOCIATION.

4. This Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches.

5. This Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen annually by the members present.

6. If new churches desire to be admitted into this union, they shall petition by letter and delegates bearing an abstract of their principles, and if found orderly and orthodox, shall be received, and made manifest by the Moderator extending to the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

7. No church in the union shall have a right to more than two delegates until she shall exceed one hundred members, and then she shall have a right to an additional delegate for every fifty members after the first hundred.

8. Every motion with a second shall be put to vote, unless withdrawn by the person who made it.

9. Every person who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject.

10. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the Association.

11. Talking or whispering shall not be allowed during debate; neither reflections upon the speaker.

12. No member shall exempt himself from the Association without leave from the Moderator.

13. If any member shall violate the rules of this decorum, he shall be reproved by the Moderator.

14. It is the business of this Association, first, to provide for the general union of the churches, *to foster education, missions, Sabbath-schools and kindred enterprises;* second, to keep up a correspondence with sister Associations of our faith and practice, that a chain of communication may be preserved among the churches; third to give the churches the best advice she can in matters of difficulty, and where a breach that cannot be healed exists, to withdraw from any church whom she may look upon as unsound in principle, or immoral in practice, till it be reclaimed; fourth, to see that the clerk shall be paid for such service as the body may direct belonging to the duties of his office; fifth, to have the minutes read (corrected if need be) and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rises, and have them printed if they think proper; sixth, to amend this form of government at any regular session, by a two-thirds vote of the members present; seventh, adjourn to any time or place which they may deem proper.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Number	CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	CLERK'S POSTOFFICE	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	Sab. of Meeting.	Received by Baptism.	Rec'd by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Restored.	Deceased.	Total number of Members.	No. of Religious Papers taken.	Value of Church Property.	No. of Ministers.	Contributions for Minutes.	Contributions for Missions.	Pastor's Salary.	No. Sab. Schools.	No. Teachers.	No. Male Students	No. Fem. Students	Total No. Students	No. Papers taken in S. S.	Amount Expended for Library.
1	Bethel.*	Smith	Starrville		H. S. Cobb							†	55													
2	Hebron*	do	Tyler		A. A. Davis		4		6				16				$1 50									
3	Jamestown	do	Jamestown	A. Gilliam	H. T. Gilliam	2, 4	12	2		2	1	2	78	8		2	2 75		$100	1	3			15	25	$ 7 00	
4	Dean's	do	Tyler	W. H. Dean	J. T. Dean	1, 3	15	9	3	5		1	76				2 00									
5	Tyler	do	do	J. H. Stribling	J. T. Hand	1,2,3,4	8	19	13	2	1	3	165			3	3 40			1				80		
6	County Line	do	Etna	W. G. Caperton	J. T White	3	11	3	1	3			68				2 00	$11 00								
7	Garden Valley	do	Garden Valley	David Peebles	W. H. Bunkley	4		4	1	1		1	27			1	2 00	5 00		1				60		
8	Centre Point	do	Troupe	Allen Gilliam	W. J. Allen	3	10	4	3			1	47				1 50									
9	Hopewell	do	Tyler	J. S. Bledsoe	S. A. Smith	2	6	5	6				52				2 00	4 50								
10	Pleasant Hill	do	do	W. G. Caperton	E. A. Camp	4	29	15	7	1			78	3	$1000		2 00	5 50	$200	1	6	32	12	44		25 50
11	Dover	do	Garden Valley	R. M. Stell	J. W. Kelley	1, 2	2	12	13	1		1	81			1	10	5 80								
12	Carmel	do	do	David Peebles	J. B. Scarbrough	2	1		12	2	1	1	32				2 00	5 00								
13	Mount Sylvan	Gregg	Kilgore	Tully Choice	C. Graybill	1, 3	31	2	8		1	1	86	8	$800	1	1 50	10 00		1	3			30	10	
14	Antioch*	Smith	Mount Carmel		M. Shamberger	3	25	15				2	98				3 00									
15	Mount Lebanon	do	Tyler	W. H. Hendrix	J. E. Secrest	1	21	15				2	56				2 00									
16	Ebenezer*	do	Troupe	M. M. Wadsworth	J. L. Basket	1	11	1	9	1		1	86				2 50	7 65								
17	Seven League	do	Tyler	E. M. Carter	E. P. Thedford	2			2	1	1		30				1 00	1 00								
18	Mount Zion*	do	do	W. H. Hendrix	W. G. Barron	1	4	5	6		1	1	44			2	2 00	3 25								
19	New Harmony*	do	do	R. M. Stell	J. S. Barron	3	12	7	2	3			71				10	1 90	$100	1						
20	Pleasant Grove	do	Zavalla	W. G. Caperton	J. C. Tarbutton	2	33	25	2			1	91			1	2 50	10 00								
21	Salem*	Cherokee	Larissa	J. A. Kimball	J. E. Dodson	2	1	2	2			2	33				2 00	3 00								
22	New Hope	do	Jacksonville	do	O. M. Meador	4	1	4	7			1	55				2 50	6 00								
23	Myrtle Springs	Rusk	New Salem	J. C. Hand	A. E. Payne	1	35	14	15	7		1	127				2 75									
24	Union	Cherokee	Larissa	E. M. Carter	R. W. Jones	1	2	3	1	2		1	23				1 50									
25	Friendship	do	do	P. Holiman	J. D. Embry	1	21	5		1		1	57				1 50	3 00								
26	Palestine	do	Alto	J. S. Lambert	S. T. Harrison	3	13	10	4			3	77				2 00									
27	Lone Dove	do	Rusk	M. M. Wadsworth	Geo. W. Blakey	2	18	2		6			40				1 00	1 00								
28	Knoxville	do	Knoxville	do	J. H. Salmon	4	12	5	12	2		4	100				2 00	3 00								
29	New Hope*	Smith	Etna		H. P. Senter							†	38													
30	Harris Creek.*	do	Tyler	J. H. L. Wesley	John P. Smith	1		6	2			1	56				2 00									
31	Macedonia	Anderson	Tennessee Colony	W. J. Collins	J. C. Shelton	2	3	4				1	28	5			2 00									
32	Pisgah	do	Nechesville	S. R. Gore	James Eastland	4	4	10	12	2	3	1	72				3 00	10 00								
33	Concord	do	Palestine	do	C. D. Kelley	2	22	3	15	3			72				3 00									
34	Pleasant Grove	do	Kickapoo	do	A. M. Finnell	3	13	3	1				35				2 00									
35	Zion	do	do	do	E. A. McCarty	1	4		2	1			27				1 50	5 35								
36	Bethel	Cherokee	Alto	J. D. Williams	W. W. Durham	2	1		5	3		4	42				1 75									
37	Mountain Cove	do	Rusk	J. M. Carter	James E Bagley	1	3	1	3	1			19				2 00			1	3			21		
38	Pleasant Grove	do	Tinetown	P. Holiman	M. Croom			2		2			24				1 00	1 00		1						
39	Independence	do	Jacksonville		A. M. Long	3	12	20	5	2	1		52				2 50									
40	Providence	Henderson	Brownsboro	E. M. Carter	E. P. Lutrick	4	1	2		1		1	19				2 00									
41	Rocky Springs	Cherokee	Rusk	J. F. James	J. J. Harris	1	21	15	2		1		92				2 00	3 50								
42	Saline Creek*	Smith	Tyler	J. S. Bledsoe	John Barton	1	25	13	2	1			71				2 00									
43	Friendship*	do	No returns		S. H. Russell							†	33													
44	Cook's Fort	Cherokee	Rusk	G. W. Gilliam	M. Buxton	1	20	7	1				39				1 50			1	3			20		
	Totals						463	272	185	56	11	39	2560				$77 55									

* Not represented. † Last year's returns.

NOTE—There are several Sabbath-schools not reported.